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Serial No. 09/855,182	Filing Date May 14, 2001	Examiner Karin M. Reichle	Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor(s) Fell et al.			
Title of Invention ABSORBENT GARMENT WITH EXPANDABLE ABSORBENT ELEMENT			

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

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the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent No.	Issue Date	Patentee
4,781,711	11/1988	HOUGHTON ET AL.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(C)(1). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(C)(1) and (e)(2), Applicants' undersigned attorney states that no item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed document be made of record in
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